

ZH3AFRICA KIDNEY DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK
MONTHLY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 8, 2025



Attendees: Prof. Akinlolu Ojo, Dr. Dwomoa Adu, Prof. Bamidele Tayo, Angelica Allen, Dr. Agwai Imaria, Dr. Yemi Raji, Dr. Jisieke-Onuigbo, Dr. Bolanle Aderonke Omotosho, Heather Ascani, Prof. David T. Burk, Prof. Santosh Saraf, Dr. Milind Phadnis, Prof. Timothy Olanrewaju, Prof. Ogochukwu Okoye, Dr. Rulan Parekh, Dr. Debo Ademola, Dr. Manmak Memven

Regrets: Prof. Oluwatoyin Amira, Prof. Ifeoma Ulasi

1. Phase II Projects – Sickle Cell Anaemia and Childhood Nephrotic Syndrome-

- The Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) between the University of Ghana and the University of Illinois, Chicago, will be finalized next week.
- The MTA will be discussed by Professors Tayo Bamidele, Dwomoa Adu and Santosh Saraf.

2. Cohort Study-

- The cohort study monthly enrollment reporting team will update the of B6 follow-up visit numbers in the enrollment report.
- Jeff Hodgins will be responding with advice on how to classify the sub-diagnosis "membranoproliferative glomerulonephritis" in the enrollment report.
- The biopsy numbers will be reviewed again when Dr. Akinlolu Ojo meet with Angelica Allen and Dr. Milind Phadnis. The agenda item is to identify the ~175 additional biopsy reports.
- The Cohort study monthly enrollment reporting will include the total number and the overall percentage of deaths.

3. New Grant Proposals-

- The new grant proposal "Environmental Determinants of CKD" is being worked on by Professors Vincent Boima, Timothy Olanrewaju, and Dr. Yemi Raji.
- The sickle cell anaemia study grant proposal writing is on hold pending the completion of ongoing laboratory data cleaning. After data cleaning, the key focus could be manuscript writing to inform a new grant proposal.
- Progress on the childhood nephrotic syndrome study grant proposal will begin once the ongoing data cleaning is completed.
- Dr. Rulan Parekh welcomed suggestions for funding sources for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study grant proposal.
- Dr. Yemi Raji advised the committee to focus on writing grant proposals pending the availability of funds to execute the projects.

4. Committee and Working Group Reports-

- The recruitment and retention committee has made significant progress on revising the manuscript titled '**Recruitment and Retention of Participants in Clinical Research in Africa: Experience from the H3Africa Kidney Disease Research Network**'.
- The biopsy reports of cohort study participants are available on RedCap for centers to download.
- Data cleaning continues across all centers, and the site PIs are encouraged to support their teams.
- As a reminder, the APOL1 data is available to all H3AfricaKDRN members upon request.
- Expect an additional email reminder from the H3AfricaKDRN data working group regarding the availability of the APOL1 data for manuscript publications.
- Availability of the genomic data for the childhood nephrotic syndrome study will be discussed at the next steering committee meeting.
- **Next Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, November 19, 2025.**